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Dear Messrs. Levesque, Bardos, and Muniz:

This refers to the Senate Joint Resolution 1176 (2012), which provides the 2012 State House redistricting plan, Senate Joint Resolution 2-B (2012), which provides the 2012 State Senate redistricting plan, and Senate Bill 1174 (2012), which provides the 2012 Congressional redistricting plan, for the State of Florida, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submissions on March 13 and March 30, 2012; additional information was received through April 27, 2012.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom E. Perez".

Thomas E. Perez  
Assistant Attorney General